

CBSE SAMPLE PAPER-11

(First Pre-Board Examination)

CLASS - X ENGLISH

[Time : 3 hrs.]

[M. M.: 100]

General Instructions:-

This Paper consists of four sections.

Section- A (Reading) 20 marks.

Section – B(Writing) 30 marks.

Section – C (Grammar) 20 marks.

Section – D (Literature) 30 marks.

(i) Attempt all questions.

(ii) Do not write anything in the question paper.

(iii) All the answers must be correctly numbered as in the question paper and written in the answer sheet provided to you.

(iv) Attempt all question in each section before going on to the next section.

(v) Read each questions carefully and follow the instructions.

(vi) Strictly adhere to the word limit given with each question. Marks will be deducted for exceeding the word limit.

SECTION- A (READING)**(20 marks)**

A1. Read the following passage and answer the questions that follow:

MY FEATHERED FRIENDS

We lived in a village where the border of Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi met. Our house was on the slopes of hills in Tanzaina surrounded by a forest of tall trees. It was very tranquil, with no hustle and bustle of the city.

In such surroundings, birds were aplenty to see. Almost every one of the expatriate community had turned into a bird watcher of sorts. Most of us had a field guide to African birds, an illustrated manual which was very handy. Some of us who were these elusive, feathered friends any time of the day. Thus began a love affair with these feathered creatures.

We would argue with each over the correct identity of these birds as some of the birds were migratory and were only rarely seen. We made a point of seeing as many birds as possible which were illustrated in that book. Any strange whistle or sound brought us running to our doorsteps with our binoculars to see if a new species had arrived. Birds like bulbuls, sunbirds, wax bills, warblers were regular visitors.

The birds provided us company from dawn to dusk. Of rare occurrence was the bird, tropical boubou. These birds always moved about in pairs and make a peculiar bell-like sound, where the 'tong' is made by one and the 'clang' by the other of the pair. And equally rare was the landing of a huge tawny eagle, triple the size of a hen, in the verandah of our house. Its size and looks were frightening and we breathed a sigh of relief when it flew away.

Now that I am back in India, I miss all my feathered friends. The only birds I can hear early in the morning are the cuckoos. I reminisce about my time in Africa and think about it with nostalgia. I remember one Sunday morning when the lark was singing in the trees overlooking the valley of the Kagera river, the poem 'Pippa's Song' by R.L.Stevenson came to my mind. The lark's on the wing and all's right with the world. It was truly right at that moment in my world.

A1.1. Complete the following sentences:

- a) The writer's house was very peaceful because-----.
- b) Almost every expatriate there had become a birdwatcher because-----.
- c) As soon as they heard a strange whistle or sound, the people's reaction was-----.
- d) Back in India, the narrator remembers her days----- and----- were----- two kinds of birds they rarely saw.
- e) The author remembers how a lark-----.

A2. Read the passage very carefully:

TUTORING IN DOON

DehraDun: Home to prestigious schools, the coveted Indian Military Academy (IMA) and Rashtriya Indian Military Collage (RIMC), DehraDun has also come to be known as the palace that holds the key to gaining admission to these centers of excellence. Tutoring centers here cater specifically to students desirous of enrolling in boarding schools and aspirants of a career in the Indian armed forces.

This comes as no surprise. Who better than a former or current boarding school teacher to tell you what it takes to be a Welhamite or a Dosco. So, every July sees the influx of parents with 10 or 11-years-olds in tow knocking the doors of established names in the tutoring business for guidance on how to clear the school entrance examination. An intensive five-month coaching in four main subjects-Mathematics, Hindi, English and General Studies-promises to arm one's child with the key to a desired school. Business has been flourishing in the past 15years and reputations have established to an extent that coaching for admission to other boarding schools outside the valley-like Mayo College in Ajmer, Lawrence School, Sanawer, and Scindia School in Gwalior-is also preferred to be done in Doon.

Sandeep Kumar of Sandeep Tutorials, which is one of the leading tuition centers here, says, "Teachers charge anything between Rs.8000 to 10,000 per subject. It is a business running into cores. "He adds that rich families from Nepal and Bihar form a major part of the clientele in this industry.

According to Sandeep, there are around 60 set-ups in Doon, which teach the young entrants, and the combined success rate is roughly 80%. Hundreds of parents from all parts of the country take up rented accommodation or opt for paying guest facility from July to November while their wards prepare. Doon is a Mecca for those aspiring to get an entry into these reputed schools, says Divya Arora, who studied at Welham Girls Schools. Doon School, Welham Boys and Welham Girls School admit 400 to 500 students every year in Classes VII, III and V, respectively.

These families spend about Rs 3 lacs to stay here and get their kids coached. People have built special accommodation (like annexes) for the purpose of letting them out to such seasonal visitor. Furnished accommodation is available for Rs10, 000 a month while unfurnished rooms go for

Rs5,000. Cooks from local hotels get additional employment for these five months as they come and cook for the families before going to work at the hotels. The 'dabba' system, which is fast gaining popularity in the valley is also preferred by these families.

"School entrance coaching is an industry running parallel to the school business in the valley," says Vishal Verma, a senior lecturer of Management at a private university. These tutors are actually famous even in far-off places like Sharjah.

"One of my friends came all the way from Sharjah with his son looking for a particular lady tutor who coaches students for entry into Doon School," he tells.

Though many teachers from the various well-known schools of the valley take coaching classes, either at home or after forming pools, some schools had banned this practice a few years ago. They, however, coach students of other schools after their working hours. Aspirants for defense services also make a beeline for Doon thanks to some coaching institutes of repute that have established here.

These give specialized coaching for entrance exams for the NDA, OTA, SSB and CDS. "Youngsters from Doon are inspired by the IMA to enter the defence services," says Manish Mangain, a young academician running the institute of Educational leadership.

A2.1. On the basis of your reading of the passage, complete the following sentences briefly:

- a) Students are flocking to Dehra Dun because it is
- b) Tutoring centers in the Doon Valley enroll students for two purposes:
 - i)
 - ii)
- c) Students seek admission to boarding schools both within Doon, such as and outside, such as.....
- d) Coaching is provided for..... In subjects like.....
- e) From the month of.....parents of aspirants take up.....
- f) The two businesses flourishing in the valley side by side are
 - i)

ii) -----.

A2.2 Find the words from the passage which mean the same as the following:

- a) Additions to a building (Para 5)
- b) Customers (Para 3)
- c) Desired for eagerly (Para 1)
- d) Arrival in large numbers (Para 2)

SECTION – B (WRITING)

(30 marks)

B1. ORACLE India is holding a five day camp to train students of class IX to X in creating web pages of their individual work in www.think.com at KV NO.3, Delhi Cantt. During the autumn break. As the Incharge of Oracle India, write a notice in not more than 50 words to be put up on the student's display board including all details. Put the notice in a box. (5 marks)

B2. Read the following notes from the note-pad of Mr. R.K. Singh, Principal of Vasant International School, New Delhi. He tells his assistant to type out a message to be sent to the Secretary of the science Club. Taking relevant information from the note-pad, write the message in not more than 50 words. Put the message in a box.

Hints:

- Meeting to be held
- In the Science Lab at 3 P.M.
- Discuss school Science exhibition
- Decide date, Chief guest and other details.

B3. You are Satish/Seema, a resident of B-10/P Block, South Extension II, New Delhi. Recently you read the following newspaper report about the Tsunami tragedy which killed over 75000 people and made many homeless. Write a letter to the editor of a local daily highlighting the dire need of donating generously to help the victims of the calamity. Write a letter in not more than 150 words. (10 marks)

WHEN DEATH CAME CALLING

From exotic tropical islands to a trip of beach that defines the city of Chennai, the 572 tiny dots that comprise Andaman and Nicobar Islands to Somalia, the tsunami left little standing in its wake. Over 75,000 people were killed by the gigantic waves. As a wall of water travelled 2,000 km from the epicenter of another nation's quake, it slammed into India taking with it families, homes and livelihoods.

B4. You are Subhash/Mira. Given below are the 2004 statistics on tourism in India. You have been asked to write a speech on "Promotion to Tourism" to be delivered on Tourism Day at school. Taking information from the table given below together with ideas from the unit on "Travel and Tourism" and your own ideas. Write a speech in not more than 150 words. (10 marks)

Statistics on tourist number in India:

- Tourist arrival in India: 1995:2.12 million -1999:2.48 million-2000:2.64 million-2002:2.36 million
- Number of Britons visiting India: about 300, 000 per year
- Foreign tourists visiting the Northern states of India: 60 percent
- Annual domestic tourists: 300 million (may 2004)
- Number of domestic tourists or travelers in 2002: 270 million (acc. To Department of Tourism)
- Growth of domestic travel from 2002 to 2004: 15 to 20 percent
- Growth of domestic travel within the past 4 years: about 30 percent (may 2004)
- Number of tourists visiting the Taj Mahal in 2003: over 3 million(most visited Indian tourist attraction)

SECTION – C (GRAMMAR)

(20 MARKS)

C1. Look at the notes below. Then use the information to complete the report by writing suitable words/phrases in each space. Do not add any new information. Write only the correct answer against the correct blank number in your answer sheet. (5 marks)

- City experienced one of the heaviest spells of rain
- A record of 74.9 in last 24 hours received

- Thin attendance in offices reported.
- Traffic jams at Sarai Rohilla, Karol Bagh and Wazirpur
- Accidents and breakdown reported

New Delhi, July 12: Jams and water logging were the order of the day a) ----- starting Monday night. Of the 210.5 mm rain received this monsoon, a b) ----- 24 hours. Thin attendance c) ----- d) ----- at Sarai Rohilla, Karol Bagh and Wazirpur. Accidents e) ----- in some areas.

C2. In the passage given below, one word has been omitted in each line. Write the missing word along with the word that comes before and the word that comes after it in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Ensure that the word that forms your answer is underlined.

(½ × 8 = 4 marks)

A foolish man his house on sand eg: man built his
 Soon the rain come washed the (a) -----
 Sand away. House down and (b) -----
 Broke many pieces. The man (c) -----
 Learnt lesson an started again (d) -----
 This time he it on a rock, thinking (e) -----
 It would be strong. The strong wind (f) -----
 Came and blew away. The man (g) -----
 Started again. He built it the trees (h) -----
 On flat land and it stood.

C3. Given below are instructions regarding the right way of brushing your teeth. Use these to complete the paragraph that follows. Write the correct answer in your answer sheets against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1 × 4 = 4 marks)

Wash your mouth with clean water
Apply paste on a soft brush.
Polish your teeth in a circular motion, not vertically or horizontally

Massage your teeth and gums with your forefinger.

The mouth is a) ----- water. On a soft brush b) ----- Teeth are never brushed c) ----- paste within the mouth is removed with ample water. IT is necessary that your teeth and gums d) ----- forefinger.

C4. Fill in the blanks given below using only one word in each blank. Write your answer in the answer sheet against the correct blank number. ($\frac{1}{2} \times 8 = 4$ marks)

A day a) ----- Christmas, millions across South Asia were a witness b) ----- the terrifying power of the elements, which led to the death c) ----- over 75, 000 people in d) ----- Asian tsunami disaster. India felt e) ----- impact too, losing more f) ----- 10, 000 people. Tsunami is considered g) ----- hazard in the pacific but not in our waters. A moving wall of water hit shorelines all h) ----- Asia.

C5. Read the dialogue given below. Based on your reading, complete the sentences below in a suitable way. Write the answer against the correct blank number. Do not copy the whole sentence. (1 × 3 = 3 marks)

Dennis: Why can't I have a dog?

Mother: Because your do not know how to look after a dog!

Dennis: Of course, I know

Mother: Alright me. What do little puppies eat?

Dennis: Oh, they eat cold cereal just as little babies do!

Dennis asked his Mother why he couldn't have a dog. His Mother told him that he a) -----.
Dennis replied b) ----- . So his Mother decided to ask him what little puppies eat. Pat came the reply from Dennis that they c) -----.

SECTOION – D (LITERATURE)

(30 MARKS)

D1. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions that follow. Write your answers in one/two lines only. (4 marks)

Now I am a lake. A woman bends over me

Searching my reaches for what she really is

- a) What has the mirror been compared to? (2 marks)
- b) What is the woman trying to do? (1 marks)
- c) Why has this comparison been made? (1 marks)

D2. Read the extracts given below and answer the questions the follow. Write your answers in one/two lines only. (4 marks)

Dumbstruck sat the gaping frog

And the whole admiring bog

Stared towards the sumac, rapt,

And, when she had ended, clapped.

- a) Why was everyone staring at the sumac tree with great admiration? (2 marks)
- b) Who were the creatures included in the 'whole admiring bog'? (2 marks)
- c) What had been the frog's experience at the sumac tree? (1 marks)

D3. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write your answer in one/two lines only.

Scrooge (heartily): Yes, yes it is I – your uncle Scrooge. I've come for dinner. Now let me in. I have a present for your good wife. From now on, I'm going to be one of your most persistent guests. I've change my boy; you will see!

- a) Whose house had Scrooge decided to visit regularly? (1 marks)
- b) How was Scrooge related to that person? How was he going to help that person? (2 marks)
- c) Has Scrooge changed at the end? Give reasons to support your answer. (2 marks)

D4. Antony standing near the dead body of Caesar predicts that Romans will not take things lying down; even nature will rebel at the dreadful action. What are the things he foresees? Answer in about 75 words. (5 marks)

D5. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow. Write the answer in your answer sheet.

And what do your hop for the future?

Nothing. I'm here

But for your children?

I want them to learn us that they can get good jobs and money.

- a) What was grandmother's hope for the future? (1 marks)
- b) As the narrator's attitude different from that of the grandmother? (2 marks)
- c) Where did the narrator want to go? (1 marks)

D6. Babuli's elder brother tells his wife that Babuli has given his share of land to him. Surprised by Babuli's decision, she writes a letter to her mother expressing here feelings about Babuli ad what he had done, Write this letter in about 150 words (8 marks)